

The Factbook on Slavery and Trafficking

And what you can do about it



What is modern slavery?



While it's true that slavery has been legally abolished in many countries, insidious systems of slavery still persist throughout the world. In fact, modern slavery exists in both the developed and developing world in various forms.

In the United States, modern slavery is most associated with human trafficking, and the cruel underground economy that it operates within. However, in other parts of the world, modern slavery happens at the surface and goes completely unpunished.





Examples of modern slavery still in existence today are:

- Bonded Labor
- Forced Labor
- Child Labor
- Sex Trafficking
- Child Trafficking
- Domestic Servitude
- Child Soldiers
- Forced Marriage
- Child Marriage

and much more.



What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking has been dubbed “modern-day slavery” for good reason. While the term is multifaceted, each aspect of human trafficking is no less insidious than the last. One of these aspects is unfree labor. **Unfree labor** describes any condition in which someone is forced to work under threat of violence, destitution, or detention.



Child Trafficking

Poverty

Often, poverty forces families to place their children into the workforce, usually in cruel and unregulated conditions.

Vulnerability

Further, this austerity leaves children vulnerable to further exploitation in the home or workplace, as well as creates a much higher possibility for sexual exploitation.

Lack of Protection

Lack of legal protection or economic despair leave these children fully subject to a heinous form of modern slavery.



Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation

Human trafficking is often used to refer to sex trafficking. While human trafficking does not always equate to sexual exploitation, it is one of the most heinous forms of modern slavery and occurs throughout the world, despite efforts to end it.

- **Forced sexual exploitation is a possibility in any system of unfree labor.** In most dire situations, violence may be an additional condition of the victim's labor. In unfree labor systems throughout the world, modern slavery manifests as violence against women and children.
- Despite the depravity of this practice, the International Labor Organization estimates that **4.5 million people** are victims of forced sexual exploitation.
- In addition, this heinous industry is estimated to represent about **\$99 billion** in transactions.



What is bonded labor?



Bonded labor is a form of modern slavery in which people are required to work until their debt is repaid. Often, the wages paid for their labor are less than are charged for housing and food, making it impossible to pay the original debt. It is designed to exploit workers and those in desperate and vulnerable situations, forcing them into slavery.



Where does bonded labor exist?

Bonded labor is most prevalent in:

- India
- Pakistan
- Bangladesh
- Nepal
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Bonded labor can take many forms, such as:

- Brick Kilns
- Rice harvesting
- Fisheries
- Domestic labor



Brick Kilns

In brick kilns, workers are subjected to a system of unfree labor where entire families are trapped in debt, unable to make enough wages to pay the rising interests. Those who attempt to flee may be punished with violence. This thoroughly coercive system exploits families for their productive labor under threat of violence and destitution.





Brick Kiln Specifics

Like the indentured servants of the past, these workers are coerced into deplorable working conditions with little compensation for their work. While indentures would one day end, the debt and wage slavery of brick workers persists today.

Inhumane Labor

Laborers in the brick kilns are expected to work all day in crippling heat and breathing the polluted air from the kilns. Injuries and illness can make life more distressing and cause other family members to have to step in and work harder to ensure the quotas are met.

Insufficient Housing

Housing in the brick kilns is often a small one-room dirt house for a whole family. Families have very few belongings and must share this small space with all family members, all while being exposed to the extreme heat during the summer and cold during the winter.

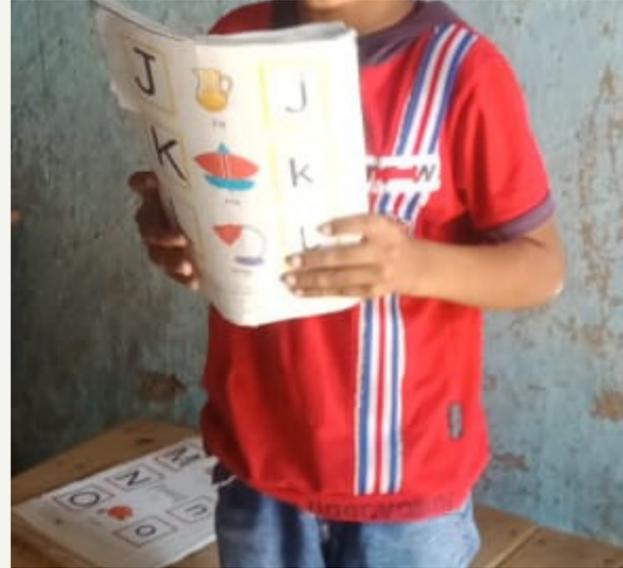
Perpetual Poverty

In the brickyards, owners traps workers into housing debt and then do not pay them enough in wages to satisfy the debt. This coerces entire families into a lifetime of unfree labor under threat of destitution, and the debt is passed on from one generation to the next.

Children in Brick Kilns



In Pakistan, estimates suggest that **nearly one quarter of the workers are under 10 years old**. Despite numerous laws banning the practice, widespread neglect and economic necessity still force children into the workforce.



80% of working children have never been to school. Without an education, children have little chance to find opportunity outside the brickyards.



There are more than 20,000,000 people enslaved in the brickyards of North Africa, Middle East, & Asia –**almost half of them children**. Many children are born into this system, forced to work in order to pay their parent's housing debts.

Brick Kiln families are at heightened risk for:

Illness and Malnutrition

Conditions in the brickyards are unclean and dangerous, leaving families without the ability to meet their own basic human needs. Workers use a shared water source, live in close proximity, and don't have access to quality medical care. All of these factors contribute to the spread of illness and disease, injuries, and premature death.

Child Marriage

It is estimated that 1 in 5 girls enter into child marriage today. Since marriage in many cultures involves the husband paying a price to the bride's family, poverty is a motivating factor in marrying a child off to a different family. Young girls in the brickyards are at a much higher risk of being forcibly married. Marriage also often means that schooling stops for the young girl as "wifely duties" begin.

Domestic Servitude

Often, poverty forces families to place their children into the workforce. One common way this happens is by sending a child off to work as a domestic servant in someone's home. Usually these situations contain cruel and unregulated conditions, and often other forms of exploitation of the child.

Sexual Violence

Forced sexual exploitation is a possibility in any system of unfree labor, which is a system in which a person labors against their will and are subject to destitution, detention, or violence if they refuse to work.



What can you do about it?



Learn more and get involved at www.allpeoplefree.com



Stay informed

Keep up with accurate information about the existence of slavery in today's world. Misinformation can do a lot of damage to organizations working hard to end slavery around the world. When you see misinformation, speak up!

Spread the word

Many people don't know that slavery still exists around around the world. Speak up and tell people how they can be a part of the solution.

Fundraise

Fundraising is as easy as clicking a few buttons on facebook. With online fundraising or organizing a community-based fundraiser, you can make a big difference by donating to programs like ours seeking to end slavery and trafficking.

Volunteer your time

Anti-Slavery and Trafficking organizations are always in need of help in their own operations and fundraising events. Reach out and ask how you can help, we'd love to hear from you!

Invest

If you want to make a huge impact and be a part of implementing systemic change in the systems that keep slavery going, reach out to organizations like us who are investing in technology and programs to change the way bricks kilns are operated.

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Brickyard Schools

We maintain 30+ schools that educate children in the brickyards from K-5th grade, helping them create the hope of a future outside the brickyard.

Trade Schools

Trade schools provide the opportunity and empowerment. By learning a trade, women are set up to begin a sustainable business to provide for their family's future outside the brickyards.

Restoration Homes

The goal is restoration for the whole family unit. During their stay, we provide families with shelter, food, clothing, and training so they can become self-supporting.

Human Rights

Part of our mission is not only to create an end to the systems that keep people enslaved, but also to provide legal aid to those in need and address human rights violations and violence in a more formal way.

Sustainable Solutions

We are constantly searching for new and innovative ways to make the brickyards in Pakistan profitable without relying on human slavery for production.



Resources Used

Unicef

www.unicef.org

Department of Defense

dod.defence.gov

ctip.defense.gov

International Labor Org

www.ilo.org

All People Free

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